

## Complete Tariff For Telephones Is Made Public

Rate Schedules Revised by  
Commission With 7 Per  
Cent Average Reductions  
Outside of New York

Officials Refuse Comment

Rate Apportioned Into 11  
Groups, of Which City Is  
Last, Gaining 5 Per Cent

The Public Service Commission made public yesterday the classified rates applying to the reduction of costs of telephones in New York City and its suburbs. Eleven basic groups have been established in the state with the same number of rate schedules. The new rates average about 7 per cent less than the former rates outside of New York City. The reductions for the city amount to about 5 per cent. The new rates are effective April 1.

Officials of the telephone company refused comment on the new rates, explaining that the attitude of the company would be formed after it had had time to study the schedules and analyze their effect.

The order provides that the commission will not apply to the commission for modification of the rates. New York City, with its five boroughs, is shown a 5 per cent reduction, in addition to a 10 per cent reduction of the surcharge authorized several months ago. Both reductions cut a former increase of 28 per cent granted by the commission in 1919. The Public Service Commission to an increase of only 13 per cent over the former rates.

### Yonkers in Group 7

Group 7 includes Plattsburgh, Brownville, Hiller, Johnson City, Mount Vernon, Larchmont, New Rochelle, Ossining, Poughkeepsie, Tuckahoe and Yonkers. The rates are: Business telephone, one party, unlimited service, \$7 per month; residence, one party, unlimited service, \$3.50; business, two-party, \$3; residence, two-party, \$2.25; rural service, business, \$2.50; residence, \$2.00.

Group 8 includes Amsterdam, Argyle, Auburn, Brookfield, Elmira, Elmira, Fort Edward, Glens Falls, Hudson Falls, Littleton, LaSalle, Kingston, Newburgh, Niagara Falls, Poughkeepsie, Tarrytown, West Nyack, Waterbury, White Plains. The rates are: Business, one party, unlimited service, \$7 per month; residence, one party, unlimited service, \$3.50; business, two-party, \$3; residence, two-party, \$2.25; rural service, business, \$2.50; residence, \$2.00.

### Buffalo Treated Alone

Group 4 includes Albany, Babylon, Baiton, Barre Center, Bay Shore, Beacon, Blue Point, Catskill, Cold Spring Harbor, Congers, Derby, East Aurora, Endicott, Great Neck, Greenburgh, Hastings, Haverstraw, Huntington, Mt. Kisco, New City, New Hartford, Nyack, Oyster Bay, Patchogue, Penn Yan, Piermont, Pleasant Valley, Port Washington, Roslyn, Saugerties, Schuylerville, South Hampton, Spring Valley, Suffern, Valley Stream, Whitesboro and Ulster Park. The rates are: Business, one party, unlimited service, \$7 per month; residence, one party, unlimited service, \$3.50; business, two-party, \$3; residence, two-party, \$2.25; rural service, business, \$2.50; residence, \$2.00.

### Dr Straton's Challenge Is Accepted by Brady

Theatrical Man Names Hippodrome Next Sunday as the Place and Time

William A. Brady, theatrical manager, announced last night that he had accepted the challenge of the Rev. John Roach Straton, pastor of Cavalry Baptist Church, to debate the moral influence of the stage and its people, which Dr. Straton has attacked in a series of pulpit utterances and played off Mr. Brady named the Hippodrome next Sunday as the time and place of the meeting.

"I made the statement in Dr. Straton's church," says Mr. Brady, in his reply to the minister's def. "that I could cite more crimes perpetrated by ministers of the gospel than by all the theatrical profession. I offered to prove that more murders had been committed by ministers than by people of the stage, and that there were more ministers in jail than there are stage folk."

Dr. Straton denied this statement from his pulpit last Sunday, and quoted statistics to prove I had misstated the facts. I stand by what I said, and am now willing to prove it. Recently before his congregation the reverend gentleman challenged me to a debate. I have tried to avoid this, hoping that after he had noted the torrent of criticism from all over the country excited by his sermons he would take heed and withdraw. Evidently Dr. Straton lacks a sense of humor.

"Be that as it may, I accept his challenge. I will agree to any fair judges. Let Dr. Straton come prepared with facts, and I will be there with mine."

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bloch Give Violin and Piano Recital

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bloch gave a violin and piano recital last night at the Town Hall, their program including two sonatas, a sonata in four movements by Dvorak and the Vitali chorale. The sonatas were the Nardini and the sonata in A by Ildebrando Pizzetti, which they have played here before. Mr. and Mrs. Bloch are well equipped musicians and played with their usual sympathetic understanding.

Concerts to Return Next Year

The Symphony Society of New York announced last night the return next season of Albert Coates as guest conductor to direct the concerts of the New York Symphony Orchestra during January and February, 1923.

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## On the Screen

Mistress of World at Rialto  
and Rivoli: 'Determination' at  
Cameo; Behan at Loew State

By Harriette Underhill

The first of a series of Paramount pictures was released simultaneously yesterday at the Rialto and the Rivoli theaters. The whole is called "The Mistress of the World," and the current episode is called "The Dragon's Claw." There are said to be three more episodes and Paramount has promised or threatened to release one each week, but if the Paramount people keep their promise then they are the bravest people we ever knew of. This "Mistress of the World" would make an excellent comedy fitted with some titles such as Anita Loos or Ralph Spence could write. In fact, it would be the greatest bit of burlesque that ever has come to the screen. In spite of the fact that it was intended to be taken seriously the spectators at the Rialto Theater Sunday night decided that they were going to get some fun out of it. It is strange how quickly an idea will rush around a theater, but in two minutes after somebody in the front row had conceived the plan of applauding at the wrong time, everybody in the theater took it up, and after that the amusement was general. It was contagious, like community singing, but it took the people some time to arrive at this impolite stage. They waited long and patiently for the picture to make good on some of the promises which had been made for it.

It seems to be a very old picture, for the costumes are of a vintage when women wore pinnaples and hats set well back on the head. Then, this "Mistress of the World" is so big that she ought to be able to relieve Atlas at his job without minding it, and she had a Chinese champion who rescued her from a fate worse than death, when he was so frail that she could have carried him away under her arm. In fact, this "Mistress of the World" is in the title role when some one decides to write a play called "The Statue of Liberty."

The picture originally was in fourteen parts, and has been cut to four, which may account for the big gaps held together by long titles and the amazing velocity with which people get in and out of predicaments. As far as we are concerned, they could show all fourteen episodes and we should revel in them if they were as funny as the one we saw this week. The picture was made by some foreign company known as the U. F. A. They probably meant it as a joke and sent it over here to test our s. o. h.

Another amusing feature on the program is Buster Keaton's comedy "The Boat." Don't miss this one. It is worth waiting for. Betty Anderson sings Chinese Lullaby as a sort of prologue to the feature picture.

It seems to have been our fate this week to encounter nothing but melo-

dramas, though all are not bad enough to be good. At the Loew State Theater George Behan is appearing in "The Sign of the Rose," and at the Cameo Theater is a picture called "Determination," which, after offering everything imaginable in the way of villainies, winds up by saying, "and besides all this Lord Warburton is wanted for murder. He killed the real Lord Warburton and then impersonated him." So, "can't you imagine!"

Yes, it is quite as thrilling as that! Several persons referred to it as "hectic," but if they took up the word they will find it means "habitual," and one would hardly call it that. The picture opens in Switzerland and the director has managed a very good imitation of a London fog. This London fog is peopled with horrible forms and hideous beings, women of the streets, and one bright shining star, a nobleman. There is a society girl who does stum work for excitement and she falls in love with this nobleman, who is spending his fortune to raise the fallen. Then one of the maidens whom he has rescued falls in love with him too, and how do you suppose the scenario writer has settled it? Why, by making him twin!

The best work in the picture was done by Walter Rillingham as the wicked Lord Warburton and by Corne Uzzell as the wicked assistant. They always seem to cast the most attractive people as the villains. The feature picture is surrounded by a program of short subjects.

George Behan's entertainment, "The Sign of the Rose," is half motion picture and half spoken drama, so George has one big scene on the stage where he can speak Italian with his tongue as well as with his hands. The play is one of those romantic melodramas which prove that the poor Italian is always an idealist and that even a rich American isn't so bad after he has been shown the way. The people in the theater wept and applauded and laughed and enjoyed every second of this play and picture, which runs for more than an hour. Mr. Behan is as effective as ever in his old-time role. It is good entertainment if so much money does not pall, and it doesn't seem to.

### H. C. Clarke Cut Off Family;

Left Estate to Woman Friend

Cutting off his five children because they are of mature age and able to provide for themselves and also omitting his wife from his will because of an estrangement existing for about twenty-five years, Herbert C. Clarke, who died February 20, left his entire estate to Mrs. Jennie M. Kimball, of 676 Riverside Drive. In the will of Mr. Clarke, filed in the Surrogate's Court yesterday, he also provided that the arrangements for his funeral shall be carried out by Mrs. Kimball, who is referred to by the testator as a friend.

The value of the estate is unknown.

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## Customs Men Seize Liquor on Ships at North River Piers

Taormina Stewards Fined  
\$3 for Each of 80 Bottles  
of Scotch; 30 Cases Found  
in Iroquois Coal Bunkers

Customs agents raided several steamships berthed at North River piers yesterday and made small seizures of liquor which failed to appear on the ships' manifests. Agents of Chief Customs Inspector Hokeness' staff considered considerably difficult had been encountered with members of ships' crews who were in the habit of smuggling liquor from liners in small quantities.

Two stewards of the steamship Taormina were fined \$340 by the Collector's office for their failure to report unmanifested liquor on board the ship. According to the customs men, 180 bottles of Scotch whisky were found on the ship. The stewards were fined \$3 for each bottle.

A search squad of customs agents found thirty cases of whisky aboard the Iroquois, of the Clyde Line, which is tied up at the foot of Christopher Street and the North River. The liquor is said to have been in the coal bunkers.

Federal prohibition agents arrested Thomas McCann, who said he was a chauffeur, of 249 West Twenty-fourth Street, in a Harlem cafe owned by Patrick Bennett, of 216 West 114th Street. According to the agents the chauffeur represented himself to Bennett as a prohibition agent and for \$500, which he alleged he was paid in marked bills, to "protect the place." He was taken to the West Thirtieth Street station on charges of impersonating a Federal officer and extortion.

David Bluestone, a clerk employed in the Alhambra Pharmacy, 2100 Seventh Avenue, was arrested by Detective Coakley, of Inspector Cahalane's staff, charged with selling liquor. A later search of the premises resulted in the seizure of twenty-four quarts of whisky and four half-gallon cans of alcohol. The raid took place after Coakley is said to have purchased whisky at the drug store without a prescription. Bluestone gave his address as 4895 Amsterdam Avenue.

Justice Garvin, in the Brooklyn Federal Court, imposed a sentence of thirty days on Tony Badreska, a saloonkeeper, of 204 Nassau Street, Brooklyn, who was charged with selling liquor. Navy intelligence officers said Badreska had sold liquor to enlisted men.

### Mme. Possart Gives Recital

Worthily but rigidly conventional was the type of pianoforte playing heard yesterday afternoon at Mme. Cornelia Rider Possart's recital in Aeolian Hall. Rider Possart's recital was her program with Mendelssohn, Haydn, Beethoven, Schumann and Chopin as the composers represented. Mme. Rider Possart's playing shed no new light upon familiar compositions, but followed prescribed paths. A somewhat hard touch and a servicable technique were the outstanding features of her performance.

## Boston Women Smokers Accused Of Aping 'Silly New Yorkers'

Warm Debate Staged in State House on Proposed Ban  
and Legislator Is Warned That if Back Bay Set  
Desires to Puff in Public No Law Will Stop It

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

BOSTON, March 6.—There was a hot fight at the State House today over Representative Shulman's bill proposing to prevent women smoking in public places by a \$100 fine for every hotel proprietor who permits women to smoke on his premises. The hearing room was scarcely large enough to hold all those desiring to participate in the debate. The proponents of the measure insisted that women smoking in public just to attract attention, that college girls smoked more than working girls, that smoking among women caused family rows, that it undermined women's morals, impaired their health, led to drinking and immorality, and that the sight of women smoking had a bad effect on the morals of children.

The opponents maintained that if it was bad for women to smoke, it was bad for men as well; that it was not a matter for legislation, but rather for the church, and that such prohibition on smoking would tend to increase the habit.

Although there were a number of women at the hearing, only one participated in the debate, and she was for the measure. The other women were content to listen as the men fought over the merits of the bill.

Mr. Carl Schofield, of Brookline, speaking for the bill, said:

"If the women are in favor of suffering, let them suffer, but don't let them smoke."

"A handful of Boston society women, aping the modes of their silly New York sisters, are solely responsible for the smoking which now threatens to undermine the morals and health of the young women here, Mr. Shulman declared."

"Girls of fifteen are smoking in public in some of the tea rooms of this city. The women are smoking not because they like it, but because it has become a fad; because it is 'the thing to do'; because it is 'smart.' This habit is vile, vulgar and dirty. Some women smoke for the purpose of attracting attention. All immoral women smoke. It has been the cause of many family rows."

Nils J. Kjellstrom, representing the Personal Liberty League, opposed the bill, asserting the proposed law was unnecessary as "no decent woman smokes."

"Why always pick on the hotels?" said W. W. Davis, representing the Hotel Men's Association, in opposing the bill. "Why, whenever there is a desire to reform things, do the reformers feel called upon to pick on the hotels? Why not make a law ordering policemen to arrest all women seen smoking?"

The committee will bring up the bill at the next session of the Legislature.

### Oil Rate Cuts From Two Texas Fields Ordered

Supreme Court Dismisses Original Suit Instituted Against  
the I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Reduction in the freight rates on petroleum and petroleum products from the Burkhurst and Ranger fields in Texas to points in the Mississippi Valley and mid-continent areas were ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission in its decision refused to grant the claims of the oil producers for identical rates out of the two fields and left the general rate structure showing Ranger rates slightly above the Burkhurst rates.

Another railroad rate case, that brought by the State of Texas against the Interstate Commerce Commission and others, was decided today by the Supreme Court, the bill being dismissed on the grounds that it had not been properly brought. The proceedings were instituted in the Supreme Court as an original case, and the court held that all suits to set aside, annul or suspend orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission must be brought in the district courts and the United States made a defendant.

Declaring that the bill disclosed

performance was satisfactory, with a notable degree of expression and refinement in the andante, Mr. Mundy's tone had breadth and smoothness, while Mr. Kaufman's was rather dry, and Miss Schiller constantly subordinated the piano part. Modernism returned in Frank Bridge's C minor Phantasy, a lyric, rather rambling andante interrupted by a brief allegro, which, with the other numbers, was warmly received by a good-sized audience.

**Kane Heads Another Company**  
Arthur S. Kane, president of Arthur S. Kane Pictures Corporation, yesterday became president also of Associated Exhibitors, which he reorganized a year ago. Associated Exhibitors will continue to operate in conjunction with Pathe Exchange. Kane will continue to present Charles Ray's productions through First National Exhibitors Circuit and United Artists.

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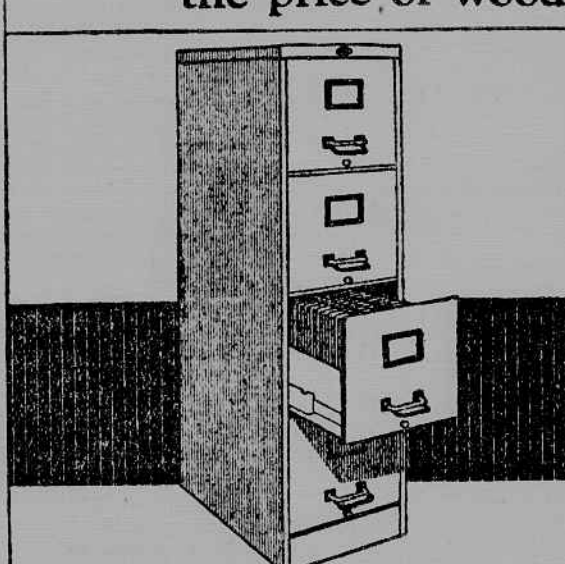
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